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Dear Representatives,

Please consider the Health Care Compact rather than Michigan health insurance exchanges.

We have no indication that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or any other federally controlled health care policy, will do anything other than worsen the situation. Failed super-committees and mounting debt demonstrate the federal government's ongoing difficulty managing complex issues, and there is no issue more complex, or more important, than the health care challenges we face.

That's why I am asking you to review the Health Care Compact and co-sponsor and support the effort instead of exchanges. The Health Care Compact is an agreement between participating states that restores authority and responsibility for health care regulation to member states. It isn't about who or what to cover, but about restoring policy-making to the state. The initiative is part of the Health Care Compact Alliance, which is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to helping Americans influence decisions governing health care.

Why should the state regulate health care rather than the Federal government? Quite honestly, it will deliver Michigan the kind of health care our citizens want. State officials govern smaller districts, creating more accountability to constituents. State officials also are better equipped to make the important health care decisions impacting our citizens' health care. In addition, the state must balance its budget, which is in stark contrast to the Federal government's ever-increasing spending and debt. If adopted in all 50 states, the Compact has the potential to cut the national deficit by nearly \$3 trillion by 2021.

Also, the Health Care Compact is gaining momentum. The Compact has been introduced in 13 states so far, and Georgia, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas have already adopted it as law.

Please do not open the door to Obamacare through exchanges in Michigan. Please give us an alternative to federally controlled health care and health care exchanges. Please take the next step toward a state-led solution to health care and co-sponsor and support the Health Care Compact.

For more information, please visit <http://healthcarecompact.org/>.

Sincerely,

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